

**SANITATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2014  
TIME: 4:00 P.M.  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
ROOM 210  
MIDDLETOWN CONNECTICUT**

**Members Present:** Chair Seb Santacroce  
John Uccello  
Thomas Goglia  
Monica Belyea

**Staff Present:** William Russo, Public Works Director  
Kimberly O'Rourke, Recycling Coordinator

**Absent:** Bobbye Knoll Peterson

Chair Seb Santacroce opened the Sanitation Commission Meeting at 4:00 p.m. He made a motion to approve the March 25, 2014 minutes. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Chair Santacroce welcomed Monica Belyea to the Sanitation Commission.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Refund – Joseph Legge, 139 Church Street – Director Russo stated that they paid the bill and then there was a death in the family. The residence is empty now, so they asked for a refund on the bill. The cart was pulled and there is just an administrative charge on the house based on the state statute. A motion was made to refund \$314.65 to Joseph Legge of 139 Church Street. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- b. Waive Interest – RA Middletown, LLC, 10 Main Street – Director Russo stated that the bill was sent to the wrong address, Devcon Enterprises, so it was never received on time to make the payment. The bill was paid, but the owner is asking for the interest of \$80.92 to be waived. A motion to approve the waive of interest was made. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- c. Request For Additional Appropriation - \$70,000.00 – Director Russo stated that when a budget is built by a commission, the council has to approve the moving of the money into the CNR account. The CNR account is where the big bellies, dumpsters, brown barrels, etc. come from. The plan is to purchase 8 more big bellies for Main Street. The council will discuss the initial setup of the account in the meeting on August 4, 2014.

Director Russo indicated that the new budget kicks in on July 1<sup>st</sup> of every year. Any capital improvements that need to be done with go through the CNR. The money was already built into the budget; it just needs to be put into the account which allows any purchases to be made.

A motion was made for the request of \$70,000.00 to be added to the budget for containers and supplies. Motion was seconded by Monica Belyea and approved unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Single Stream Pilot Program – Kim O’Rourke stated that the single stream pilot program is starting this week. The program will begin on Jacobs Terrace and Chimney Hill. She stated that homeowners will get a new green 65 gallon cart which will be used for garbage. The existing brown 90 gallon cart will no longer be used for garbage; it will be used for recycling. These containers will be labeled for convenience. Bottles, cans and paper will be combined into the 90 gallon cart. The main idea is to see how well the program will work starting with smaller streets. Households generate a lot less garbage when given a larger recycling container. The recycling will be picked up every other week, on the same day as the garbage pickup. This will make the route more efficient, and the costs will come down.

Director Russo stated that the goal is to cut down on the tonnage that is going to the plant. Eventually, an automated truck will be used to pick up the recycling. Once 2,000 single stream accounts are made, automated trucks will be the next option.

Kim O’Rourke stated that all recycling material should be washed before disposing of it into a recycling container. Plastic bags and cardboard that has already been used are technically not supposed to go into the recycling bin. The plastic bags end up clogging up the machines. Kim stated that Stop n Shop take back some of the bags for them to be reused.

Monica Belyea made a point in saying that residents may be discouraged from recycling if they are not allowed to put used cardboard or dirty jars into the recycling bin. If they want to recycle it, they should be able to so that they continue with recycling procedures.

- b. Tonnage Report – Director Russo stated that the first tonnage report was from last fiscal year 13-14 where it shows 6,592.99 tons. The year before was at 6,747.19, which is a drop of 154.2 tons. This is about \$15,000.00 saved. The goal is to reduce tonnage, while still keeping the population and businesses the same, if not more.

The year 2016 is when the contract is up with Dainty, and the year 2020 is when the contract will be up with the incineration plant. The Deputy General Counsel, Kori Wisneski, is working on ordinances that will lead to some financial advantages to the district in the future.

**OTHER:**

Director Russo stated that the goal is to educate the community to eliminate future issues. Anyone that has gotten a letter in regards to the trashcan removal ordinance has since complied. The sanitation foreman has since put stickers on all of the garbage cans letting the residents know about the new ordinance. The whole upper Grand Street area has left their garbage’s at the curb for years. Once the ordinance went into place, the garbage’s have only been left out at the curb the night before pickup.

As there was no other business, the Sanitation Commission meeting was adjourned at 4:41 P.M.